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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the words in the answer to clause (e) to (g), ' subject to the maximum of half the net cost to the management, ' in the second paragraph, may I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether that position applies also to the boarding grants to European schools ? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The hon. Minister referred to the standard of living. Under what standard of living does he expect a child to live at 4 pies a day, an Indian child in an orphange ? (Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar . ' Starving standard '). Four pies is the price of a cigarette."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I should like to know from the hon. Doctor whether it is good for a child to smoke cigarettes."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Does he expect a child to live on the value of a cigarette ? That is what I want to know."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I just ask the hon. Minister whether after this question came before the Council some time ago, he has taken any definite steps actually for raising the rate ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As a matter of fact, last year we got a little more sum than was put in the budget for the year before."

Civil Justice

Alleged irregular attendance of the District Munsif of Bapatla.

* 428 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to ascertain from the Judicial Department of the Guntur district and state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Principal District Munsif of Bapatla Mr. V. V. Subba Rao Pantulu used to leave the office at 12 noon every day from 9th June 1928 till 22nd June 1928 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that he used to get the plaints and office registers to his house for signature ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a pro-note in a plaint sent to his house for signature was not to be found ;

(d) why he left the office every day at 12 noon ever since he got the orders of promotion as Sub-Judge ; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a statement of work done by him from 9th June 1928 to 22nd June 1928, showing the number contested and uncontested original suits, the number of suits adjusted out of court, compromised, withdrawn, and " no instructions " and place it on the table ?

A.—(a) to (e) The Government do not consider it necessary to call for the information. They trust that the High Court will look into the matter. A copy of the question and of the answer will be forwarded to it.

Delay in the disposal of cases in courts.

* 429 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the debates on 20th March 1928 regarding the delays in the disposal of cases in courts—

(a) what steps Government are going to take or to induce the High Court to take to reduce the delays ; and